

# Some CIA probe findings untrue, Bush claims

- WASHINGTON—George Bush, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said his organization deserves the support of the American people and feels it will get it once the public is better informed about the role of the agency.

Bush appeared before a morning conference of the National Newspaper Assn. in a new effort to give the American public a peek at what it regards as one of the most intriguing and mysterious of its government agencies.

REFERRING TO THE recently-concluded Rockefeller commission hearings on the CIA, Bush said while much of the committee's findings were factual, others were "visibly untrue." Bush said the CIA in many instances had already moved to implement many of the recommendations which came out of the hearings. Noting that this was the first airing of CIA operations since it was established in 1947, Bush said the facelift would be healthy for the agency.

"The intelligence group was nurtured with the idea that it must have great secrecy but things have changed," Bush told an NNA Government Affairs Conference briefing.

BUSH TOLD THE newspaper editors and publishers assembled at the Mayflower Hotel here that the CIA would cooperate fully with congressional recommendations for revamping. The CIA director received enthusiastic applause when he added that hand in hand with this cooperation must come the assurance that Congress will respect the secrets of the intelligence community.

Bush said he regrets that much of the debate over the CIA, which was fostered by the unearthing at the Rockefeller commission hearings of CIA involvement in coups and assassination plots, revolved around secrecy. He said he would strongly support legislation which would protect the agency's sources and methods.

Bush said he would oppose laws similar to Britain's Secrecy Acts which penalizes journalists for leaking government-classified information.

He favored declassification of less sensitive U.S. information noting that it would be to the agency's benefit and gain it public support.

ONE AREA WHERE he would draw the line is in making public the CIA's budget. "I don't want to help the KBG (the Russian intelligence-gathering agency) or anyone else by giving parameters on CIA operations," he said.

The CIA, said its director, has fallen victim to the general atmosphere of cynicism which prevails in the U.S. He said a current Robert Redford movie, "Three Days of the Condor," perpetuates the idea that the CIA is an all-powerful agency, above the restraints of the Constitution.

Noting that the movie leaves the impression that the CIA could possibly control the New York Times, Bush quipped, "If we are, we're not doing a good job."

In light of the coup and assassination allegations made against it, Bush was quick to acknowledge that there have been some "bad things" associated with the CIA, but that those allegations shouldn't be taken as indicative of the agency as a whole. "I don't think we deserve that kind of rap," Bush told the NNA conference. And, he added, he felt that those negative feelings weren't prevalent in the grass roots of the American public.